

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The merger of these two satellite providers will provide a large number of benefits to their consumers, including more channel selections and programming.

The merger will allow the combined company to be a much stronger competitor to cable television and can offer, most importantly, all local TV channels in every market in the U.S. By providing local TV channels everywhere, this merger will make satellite television a strong alternative to cable in our community. In our community, people will now be able to turn to satellite TV to access their local news, weather and community information, in addition to a overall package of national video programming. These important benefits to consumers won't happen without the merger. This merger will bring an affordable and competitive alternative to cable companies in our community.

I urge you to lend your support to this merger in the interest of improving our access to competitive television.

Sincerely,

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